

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. **(currently amended)** An apparatus for taking out a contact lens from its keeping or disinfecting container without touching the contact lens with fingers, characterized by that it comprises:

a handle portion which can be gripped by fingers,

a connection portion formed in unity with said handle portion, and

a contact lens attaching portion having a hemisphere-like shape in which its upper face is concave and its bottom face is convex and having a through hole formed by cutting out the center of the hemisphere in a circle so that a contact lens can be attached thereon, wherein said contact lens attaching portion is attached to the concave face of said contact lens to take out the contact lens from said keeping or disinfecting container.

2. **(original)** The apparatus for taking out a contact lens from its keeping or disinfecting container according to claim 1, characterized by that said contact lens attaching portion has an open portion in a suitable width at a side of the hemisphere having a through hole.

3. **(canceled)**